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1. THE TABLE ON PAGE 5 OF REFAIR INCLUDES AN ESTIMATION OF PRINCIPAL EXPORTS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OF 1973. PRELIMINARY TRADE DATA IS ACTUALLY AVAILABLE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1973. ACCORDING TO THIS DATA, TABULATED BY THE CENTRAL BANK, COSTA RICA'S PRINCIPAL EXPORTS IN ORDER OF VALUE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1973 WITH COMPARISON TO SEPTEMBER 1971 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER  
(MILLIONS OF U.S. DOLLARS, FOB)

| PRODUCT | 1971 | 1973 | 73/71 PERCENT |
|---------|------|------|---------------|
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|             |      |      |     |
|-------------|------|------|-----|
| COFFEE      | 46.5 | 76.5 | 65  |
| BANANAS     | 51.9 | 69.7 | 34  |
| BEEF        | 12.7 | 27.2 | 114 |
| SUGAR       | 9.7  | 7.3  | -33 |
| FERTILIZERS | 3.3  | 5.9  | 79  |

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|-----------------|-----|-----|----|
| PHARMACEUTICALS | 4.3 | 5.8 | 35 |
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|------------------------|-------|-------|-----|
| CLOTHING               | 2.3   | 3.6   | 57  |
| TIRES & INNER TUBES    | 2.4   | 2.7   | 13  |
| ARTIFICIAL FIBER       |       |       |     |
| TEXTILES(EXCEPT RAYON) | 1.2   | 2.7   | 125 |
| ALL OTHER              | 36.9  | 53.0  |     |
| TOTAL                  | 171.2 | 254.4 |     |

2. OF COMMODITIES LISTED ABOVE, THE LAST FIVE ARE EXPORTED PRINCIPALLY TO OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME OF THE CLOTHING EXPORTS WHICH ARE SOLD LARGELY TO THE U.S. THROUGH DRAWBACK ARRANGEMENTS.

3. EXPORT FIGURES REFLECT GROWTH IN ALL THESE AREAS. ASSUMING NO SEVERE DISRUPTION IN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET THIS TREND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE. CAPITAL GOODS MARKET OPPORTUNITIES APPEAR TO EXIST IN ALL THESE LINES. FURTHER STATISTICAL DATA ON MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAPITAL GOODS WILL BE SUBMITTED WHEN THE EMBASSY HAS COMPLETED WORK ON PLANNED MARKET SURVEYS.

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